

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 are currently pending. The specification has been amended to address a typographical error in numbering. The formulas "IV, V and IV" on page 14 of the specification as filed should have been IV, V and VI respectively, as indicated earlier on page 14.

Further with respect to the specification, the Examiner has questioned the last two lines on page 14 wherein it is stated that Q can be among other things, an ester because this leads to a linkage to the polymer backbone via a peroxy. The Applicant believes that an R-O-R linkage where R is an organic component is a proper linkage and asks the Examiner to reconsider this objection. Similarly, the rejection to claim 5 is considered proper for the same reasons.

The claims have been variously objected to and rejected under 35 USC 112, 102 and 103. In claim 5, it is believed that alkenyl is correct. Claim 7 has been amended in light of the missing commas that the Examiner has noted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and withdraw the remaining rejections to claims 1-17 inclusive.

The Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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